

URBANO PEREZ.

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Mr. SAPP, from the Committee on Military Affairs, made the following

**REPORT.**

*The Committee on Military Affairs, to whom was referred the memorial of Urbano Perez, respectfully report :*

The memorialist was a resident of the city of Matamoras during the Mexican war. After the surrender of that place to the American army under General Taylor in the year 1847, his house and premises were taken possession of by a portion of the American troops, who quartered therein. He was, no doubt, assured that he would be compensated for the use of his premises, which, during their occupation by the Americans, became very much abused. He presented to General Taylor a bill of \$838 62 for damages to his premises by the American troops, and \$396 rent. He was refused payment, on the ground that it was a military impressment; which decision was concurred in by General Jesup, Quartermaster General, and Mr. Crawford, the Secretary of War. The petitioner now appeals to Congress. The committee concur in the opinion that it is a case of military impressment—a proper exercise of a belligerent right—which gives the memorialist no claim against the United States. The committee therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the memorial.

